

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.)

- AGAINST -)

KATO, SADAO, et al.)

A F F I D A V I T

I, GOTO, Furio, do swear on my conscience that the following is true:

I was Minister for Home Affairs in the OKADA Cabinet in 1936. During this time the so-called Army rebellion of 1936 occurred in Tokyo. An attempt was made by the insurgents to assassinate the Prime Minister Admiral OKADA. I acted as interim Prime Minister for about three days while Admiral OKADA was besieged in the Prime Minister's residence. I remember very distinctly that Admiral OKADA and his cabinet experienced difficulties with the Army. The highest officers in the Army at this time were General KIMURA, Yoshiyuki, Minister of War; the Chief of the Army General Staff, Prince KANIN, who was not very active; the Vice Chief of the Army General Staff, General UGIYAMA; the Inspector General of Military Education, General MATSUDA, Jotaro; the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau, General KATO, Kyoshi; the Commander in Chief of the Kwantung Army, General IMAI, Jiro; and the Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army, General TAGAKI.

Later on in 1940 when Premier Prince KONOYE decided to set up the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, he asked for my advice and counsel in the formulating of the plans for this organization. I met many times with the preparatory committee appointed by Prince KONOYE to set up this organization. Colonel MASAHITO, Kogoro was one of the members of this committee and later occupied a position in the General Affairs Committee and participated in the affairs of the foresaid organization.

After the formation of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, no other important political parties or organizations existed. The result was to create one important public organization which was controlled in its entirety throughout the country by government officers who occupied some of the high positions. This aforesaid organization was subsidized by government funds to the extent of eight million yen per annum. This organization reached into every prefecture, ward and street in Japan.

/s/ Goto, Furio
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Worn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named GOTO, Furio, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 18th day of June, 1946.

/s/ Arthur A. Sandusky
Captain, J.A.G.D.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Jerry L. Sumiyoshi, HEREBY CERTIFY That I am fully conversant with the Japanese and English languages, and that I, this day, read the foregoing Affidavit to the above-named GOTO, Fumio in Japanese, and in so doing, truly and correctly translated the contents thereof from English into Japanese; and that said GOTO, Fumio stated to me that the contents of said Affidavit were the truth, and that he was willing to sign said Affidavit under oath; and that said GOTO, Fumio was duly sworn in my presence and signed said Affidavit under oath in my presence; and that all proceedings incidental to the administration of said oath and the signing of said Affidavit were truly and correctly translated from Japanese into English and English into Japanese and fully understood and comprehended by said Affiant.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1946, at Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ Jerry M. Sumiyoshi